

DRAFT - will not be approved until reviewed at the next meeting

## Lauderdale Community Council

Minute of Meeting of Lauderdale Community Council (LCC) on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Lauder Primary School and by ZOOM at 7.30pm



### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alistair Smith, *Chairman*, Steve Aitchison, *Vice Chairman*, Lorraine Crawford, *Treasurer*, Anne Hogarth, *Secretary*, Ross Montague, Edward Maitland-Carew by ZOOM, Jack Ponton by ZOOM, Judi Gunn, Councillors Jenny Linehan by ZOOM, and John Paton-Day, Scottish Borders Council (SBC)

Apologies: Councillor David Parker

13 members of the public, plus one by ZOOM

### 2. Conflicts of Interest. None so far.

### 3. Police Report. This had been circulated.

- 3.1 A complaint had been received about speeding on Stow Road and methods of calming the traffic were discussed.
- 3.2 A sign has been put up in Marmaris asking drivers to switch off their engines when waiting for their order.
- 3.3 A warning was issued about strange cars driving slowly looking suspiciously at houses and gardens.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes of previous meetings.

The April minute was proposed by Lorraine and seconded by Judi with an amendment to 7.10 changing the word 'used to 'progressing'

After looking into putting up a crash barrier at the bottom of the footpath onto Crofts Road at the Health Centre, it was agreed that the path was too narrow and a barrier would cause more problems.

### 5. Reports

- 5.1 Planning. –
  - 5.1.1 Extension to Roman Lodge, Chapel on Leader– no comment.
  - 5.1.2 Prospective wind farms at Ditcher Law and Longcroft. There will be public meetings on Longcroft on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Oxton Memorial Hall from 2 till 7 and at Lauder Public Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> May from 2 to 7.
  - 5.1.3 White burn Development at Allanbank. Eve McCurrich, Managing Director, will come to a meeting when invited.
  - 5.1.4 A picture was circulated of sewage in the Washing Burn. The question was asked how the present sewage system will cope with 110 more houses. Jenny will contact SEPA about this.

- 5.1.5 Although this is still in the pre-planning stage, the residents of Allanbank Gardens are concerned about the changes that keep coming up and the uncertainty of the boundary and talk about allotments and a wildlife corridor.
- 5.1.6 We need clarity from the developers about the path down the boundary wall.
- 5.1.7 There were worries about the path to Allanbank Gardens being 3 metres wide which could easily fit vehicles.
- 5.1.8 Having heard all these comments from worried residents and community councillors, LCC needs to press strongly for more answers to the concerns raised in its comments to the Planning Department.
- 5.2 Treasurer. Nothing to report.
- 5.3 Lauder Common Good (LCG). Nothing to report.
- 5.4 LCC Outreach.
- 5.4.1 Complaints have been received about the manhole cover in Scott Road which rattles every time a vehicle drives over.
- 5.4.2 The A68 has 3-way traffic lights at the Blainslie road due to a collapsed manhole.
- 5.5 Lauder in Bloom (LiB). The spring work is in progress and plants for the hanging baskets will arrive shortly.
- 5.6 Paths Group. At the AGM Steve was nominated as Chairman. There are sessions arranged to spread Type 1 around the area at the bench at the Burn Mill to make it accessible for buggies and wheelchairs. It was agreed to invite the Access Officer to come to the June meeting.
- 5.7 Eildon Area Partnership. Nothing to report.
- 5.8 Lauderdale Initiative. Nothing to report.
- 5.9 Defibrillators.
- 5.9.1 Lauderdale Community Council wishes to apologise to the Legerwood Defibrillator Group as it was assumed that the Legerwood defibrillator would be part of the LCC Defibrillator Group. This is not the case although the minute in October 2022 states this.
- 5.9.2 The cabinet at the Medical Centre has been upgraded with a heater.
- 5.10 Leisure Centre. Nothing to report.
- 5.11 A68. There has been no follow-up from BEAR yet but the trees on the Edinburgh Road are being replaced. David will chase.

## 6. AOB

- 6.1 There was concern about the Coop closing at 5pm due to staff shortages. Jenny will follow up on this and the ASDA takeover.
- 6.2 Cycle hoops will be installed at the Post Office and the Leisure Centre where there will also be a tool station.
- 6.3 There is concern about where the postman parks the post trolley now that all mail comes from the Galashiels depot.
- 6.4 The June Meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting which will start at 7.15.

Date and place of Next Meeting – **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Lauder Primary School at 7.15 and by ZOOM.**